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In presenting to your notice the present issue of the GAZETTE, we wish to call your attention to a few facts in connection with its recent history.

Prior to 1884-85 the paper appeared in a most erratic manner, depending altogether upon the unorganized efforts of the Undergraduates for its very existence, the difficulty being that no one had the authority or funds with which to issue the first numbers of the Session. In October, '84, a number of those interested in the prosperity of the paper agreed to subscribe a certain sum to form a guarantee fund, to insure its publication for a time, the only compensation the subscribers were to receive, being a gratuitous copy of the paper each session.

A staff of Editors was appointed consisting of one Undergraduate from each Faculty, and four Graduates or Undergraduates to represent the subscribers. A Board of Directors was also elected, giving the Undergraduates of each Faculty a representative, the only qualification being that such representative must be himself a subscriber to the fund. Under this organization the paper has been successfully issued for two sessions: 10 issues being made in 1884-'85, 13 issues in 1885-'86. In view of the success which has so far attended their efforts, and to give further facility for developing the paper, the directors considered it advisable to apply for Letters Patent, incorporating the subscribers to the fund.

We appeal to our Graduates to give us increased support to enable us to enlarge the paper and extend its usefulness. Our appeal is made because,

1st, We wish to increase the number of issues next session.

2nd, We believe that there should be some medium through which our Graduates may become acquainted with the course of events at the University, and thus keep alive their interest in the welfare of their *Alma Mater*.

3rd, We feel assured that, with the continued support of our subscribers, together with the experience which we now possess, we shall be able to make our College Journal worthy of the University.

We trust, as the annual subscription is only One Dollar, you will assist us in our endeavors by filling in the enclosed blank, and returning it at an early date.

Yours truly,

JEFFREY H. BURLAND,

President.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the above matter. The same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am sorry that I cannot give you a more definite answer at this time, but the matter is being handled as quickly as possible. I will be sure to advise you as soon as a final decision has been reached.

Very respectfully,
J. H. BURLINGAME

Director of the Bureau

U. S. Department of Justice

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All communications may be addressed to the Editors, P. O. Box 1290.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

SHAREHOLDER.—We have received your letter, but do not publish it, as the rumour you refer to is incorrect. The new name is not yet decided upon, and is not likely to be the *Collegian*.

Editorials.

ADIEU.

In laying this number of the MCGILL GAZETTE, the last of volume IX, before our readers, we will avail ourselves of the opportunity afforded briefly to scan the labours of the past year. Seldom has the GAZETTE had so successful a year, from a business standpoint, and as regards the harmony that has existed between its readers and its staff as well as among the members of the staff itself. We believe our prosperity to have been due in the main, if not entirely, to the moderate tone in which we have discussed the various topics that have come before us for consideration. Fault we have sometimes been forced to find, but ours was no carping criticism. It has always been our endeavour to realize that Utopia is far distant from this practical world, to recognize the difficulties with which the authorities have to contend, and to appreciate their labours in our behalf even under these difficulties. Yet we have felt, and still feel, that, as the physician must hear the complaints of his patient before he can successfully treat him, so must the faculty give an ear to our complaints before they can hope to make of us strong, healthy students. For this reason, therefore, we have never hesitated to express our grievances and suggest changes, hoping that we will be credited with

that motive which has always influenced us, the desire to see our college take and keep the highest rank as an Institution for the Advancement of Learning. We laid no sacrilegious axe at the foot of the tree that has so long sheltered us, but we have essayed, with reverent hand, to prune away branches whose heavy shadows oppressed rather than protected us.

The changes that we have suggested as regards the University have been an improvement in the Law Faculty, changes in the Methods of Examination in the Medical Faculty, The Raising of the Standard of Matriculation in Arts and Science, and greater liberty in the Library for the older years in Arts.

Our discussion regarding the Law Department has already begun to act, and was, at the time of its appearance, accorded a reception to us pleasing and assuring. The valedictorian in Law, even the very professors themselves, agreed with us in the main, not only as regards the existence of evils, but as regards the method of overcoming them. So speedy a response as this is an encouragement for us to hope for similar results in the other faculties.

For the stand we have taken regarding the Medical Examination, our readers are referred to our former editorials. Suffice it to say we desire a longer time for Oral Examinations and, to a great extent, the abolition of competitive examinations.

As regards the Standard of Matriculation, we have only this to say, that the majority of the students who come up to college are well able to pass a higher standard, and that the time given to reviewing—and usually forgetting—old work, might well be given to other subjects that would tend better to equalize work in the several years. This is well seen in Science, where the gap between the first and second years is excessive. If we began with a higher standard that necessitated more knowledge of Euclid, Algebra and Trigonometry, then the first year might very profitably devote some time to Mechanics, and thus render the second year work more easy. We would also like to see English Composition treated somewhat more fully in Science or abolished altogether, for as it stands at present, it is but the wasting of a valuable hour in doing work that we have gone over at school. This criticism is in no way levelled at the gentleman whose subject this is. We suspect that he is limited by the exigencies of the case, but with a re-arrangement of

studies in accordance with a higher Matriculation his subject might be given the place its importance merits.

The experiment of allowing students the freedom of the library has already been tried on a small scale in the Faculty of Science, with a favorable result. The faculty of Arts is larger than that of Science, and to extend to it the same privileges might cause too much confusion. But to give its fourth-year men this right could not but be productive of good. Since our editorial upon this subject, we have received the favorable comment of a former medalist, himself now a successful teacher, and have also heard that the practice of giving to older years greater freedom in the library is observed in some American colleges, particularly at Cornell.

The GAZETTE may take credit to itself for the establishment of the University Club, an institution mooted in last year's issues, and successfully founded during the early part of this session. It is already in a most flourishing condition, and if it "avoid the temptations of a larder," bids fair to become a recognised part of University Life. And here let us advise undergraduates to patronize it. It will throw them in contact with men who have entered the world under the same circumstances which will attend their own entrance, and whose experience will therefore be invaluable. It will be the means of keeping Old and Young McGill in sympathy, and while the elders learn the wants of the younger men, the younger will profit by the advice of their elders. Besides this, and apart from it all, undergraduates will find the club-rooms the pleasantest place in all Montreal to while away an odd hour.

Before bidding adieu to our readers and laying down our editorial pen, we desire to thank most heartily those kind friends whose contributions in prose and poetry have so materially lightened our journalistic labours. We would like to suggest to our city *literati* that the only permanent paper the city possesses, and the only one that distinctly aims at a literary character is the MCGILL GAZETTE, and that, instead of allowing their noblest efforts to blaze like a meteor in some newspaper and sink into unmerited forgetfulness, they should prefer to have them preserved in many a library, as we are convinced from experience is the fate of the MCGILL GAZETTE.

To Mr. George Murray this volume, like many previous volumes, owes a debt of gratitude for the numerous verses with which he has adorned it, and we feel sure that the translations of Horace, the first publishers of which we had the pleasure of being, have given pleasure to many of our readers. To Gowan

Lea, also, we render thanks for contributions, more especially for the tales translated from the German, which have made many of our issues more interesting. To the less regular contributors to whom we are also indebted, we extend our gratitude, and with the hope that our successors will find as much joy in the discharge of their official duties as did we, we extend our hand to one and all of our many readers and say that saddest of words, "Farewell."

The book is completed
And closed, like the day;
And the hand that has written it
Lays it away.

We publish two letters in this issue, which are important to students, and have the sympathy of the GAZETTE in their purpose. Kelpie writes to us concerning the foundation of a building for the Y. M. C. A. Looking on this institution, even from the lowest standpoint we can, we are unable to do aught but hope the Association will meet with success, for is it not, *at least*, a training school for some of our students, those in theology? But from a higher standpoint, one we need not discuss, the project merits encouragement.

A student in Science writes suggesting that some one in authority endeavor to secure places for Science students during summer. He has taken the words out of our mouth, for we had intended making the same suggestion. The Government does not endow us as the College of Toronto, for example, is endowed, so we think that it might, at least, send to our Faculty the offer of a certain number of situations, say six, on the Survey, and a greater number on its various canal and railway, or even topographical staffs. These situations, being of various grades, could then be given to the students in the different years, by competitive examination, or otherwise, as is deemed best.

ATTENTION, '86!

At the Graduating Dinner, held in the Windsor Hotel on the evening of April 30th, it was decided to organize the class in such a manner as to enable the members, as far as possible, to obtain information with regard to their class-mates whenever desired. For this purpose, the following officers were elected:—

President—COLIN H. LIVINGSTONE, B. A.
Vice-President—FRANK PEDLEY, B. A.
Secretary—NEVIL NORTON EVANS, B. A. Sc.
Vice-Secretary—ARTHUR WEIR, B. A. Sc.

The duties of the President are to act as convener where any class-meetings are decided upon; those of the Secretary, to keep a record of the whereabouts,

occupation, &c., of each graduate of '86, Science and Arts. Each member of the class is to write annually at least one letter to the Secretary, which letter is to arrive on or before the 15th of April of each year. If any important change takes place in the circumstances or address of any member, the sooner such changes are forwarded to the Secretary the better. Once a year, a list of the members, with their addresses, &c., will be forwarded to each member, and should a member at any time desire any information regarding a class-mate, he can obtain it on communicating with the Secretary.

The Secretary's address is McGill College, or 21 Milton Street, Montreal P. Q. The members are requested to communicate with the Secretary as soon as possible, giving their present address, and as soon as this address alters, the change should be forwarded *immediately*. It is contemplated holding a reunion of the class on, or about, Convocation day 1896.

Poetry.

MUMMY WHEAT.*

Telling of harvest-days to come,
Yon ripening wheat appears,
With slender stems that gently bow
Beneath the golden ears.

Strange is the story of the seed
That first was planted there—
How wondrous that a withered grain
An hundred fold should bear!

Once, buried in a silent tomb,
It slept through ages slow,
Clasped in a dark Egyptian's hand
Three thousand years ago.

Portrayed upon the massive walls
Might all his deeds be viewed:
No mortal step had e'er profaned
That awful solitude.

At length within the painted cell
A stranger dared to tread,
And, fearless, stretched his impious hand
To steal the ancient dead:

He seized upon the mummy's form,
And bore it far away,
Until on British ground he laid
The venerable prey.

With careful fingers he removed
The swathings, one by one,
And scanned at last with eager gaze
Old Egypt's swarthy son.

And soon arose the fragrant scent
Of spice and oil and balm,
And grains of corn came rolling down
From out the blacken'd palm:

Grains, that perchance were threshed and stored
In Canaan's time of dearth:
Parched as they were, he planted them
Below the genial earth.

Down dropped the gentle rains of heaven,
And soft refreshing dew;
The seed their kindly influence felt,
And life-awakened grew.

And see! the stems in beauty spring,
As tender, young and green,
As if but one short year ago
That seed had gathered been!

GEO. MURRAY.

*In the *Illustrated London News* for September 22, 1849, is a description (with an engraving) of mummy wheat raised by R. Enoch, of Stow-on-the-Wold, from grains brought from Thebes by the family of Sir William Symonds. See "Notes and Queries" for July 17, 1852.

A DREAM ABOUT THE ASPEN.*

Oh! know ye why the aspen leaves so tremulously sigh,
When through the burning summer noon no breeze is heard on high,
When the green canopies that crown the woodlands are at rest,
And gladden faint wayfaring men with shadows calm and blest?

In the dread hour when God's own Son upon the Cross was nailed,
The fierce red splendor of the sun in midnight gloom was veiled;
Earth's bosom heaved, and girt around with darkness, deep and still,
Men bowed, like frail wind-shaken reeds, before God's mighty will.
With dim presentiment of woe, each beast concealed his form,
And shrank within his cavern-home, as though beneath a storm;
No bird-wing fluttered in the grove, or floated through the air,
And Nature's heart had ceased to beat, wrung deeply by despair,
Save that the shrouded trees and flowers still murmured low in thought,
And waiting told of deeds of blood, and justice set at nought,
Of bigot priests, and traitor hearts, and faith for silver bought.

The cedar groves on Libanus a dirge-like music made,
And, dark as night, athwart the hills was flung their giant shade;
While softly from a weeping tree, the tree of Babylon,
A voice in lonely whisper sighed: "Tis finished—He is gone!"
Then deeply down she hung her boughs within Euphrates' stream,
And ever dreameth of His death a life-enduring dream.

Calmly beneath the Eye of Heaven the glowing vineyards slept,
The vintner watched the big bright tears that from the branches wept,
And, when the purple clusters dropped, and the new wine was prest,
Mindful he named it "Tears of Christ," and still that name is blest.
But soon a vapour round the Mount arose with fragrant flow,
Breathed from the very soul of Love compassionating Woe,
By the night-blooming violet, to cool the burning brain
Of Him, whose thorn-encircled brow throbb'd wildly in its pain.
Mournfully spoke the cypress then: "My branches I will wave
In memory of this awful hour for ever by the grave."
And through the sultry dimness passed a gently-wafted breath,
As to the Cross an Angel moved, stern messenger of death;
A sad voice groaned: "My God! my God! why hast thou me forsaken?"
And all the trees and flowers with fear and agony were shaken.

The Aspen shook not: she alone, a proud un pitying tree,
Stood tearless, motionless beside the Mount of Calvary,
And thus outspoke that haughty one: "What reek we of thy pain?
Why should we weep? We trees and flowers are free from sinful stain:
Soon will my sisters cease to pine—this hour will soon be o'er—
A bright epiphany of joy shall beam for evermore."

Then Death's dark Angel took the cup, red with the Saviour's blood,
And at the cold proud Aspen's root poured forth the mystic flood,
And spake strange words, and by those words the miserable tree
Was cursed, and every leaf was doomed a quivering leaf to be;
And till that old, old curse be dead, her branches cannot rest,
But still she feareth, trembleth still, when all is calm and blest.

Scorn not the tale! Those thoughts were born within a child-like heart,
E'en as the tears that in our eyes so oft unbidden start—
Born like the strains that gush from out the forest-warbler's breast,
That, soft or shrill, are bird-song still, and may not be repress.
Then, scoff not at the simple tale, nor deem the legend wild,
It was not woven that the ears of men might be beguiled,
But that men's eyes might trace the form of Truth in Fiction's stream,
And read a world-old, God-framed law forthshadowed in a dream.

Slowly 'tis learnt by heart, although by memory quickly caught—
Faintly 'tis writ in tears upon the tablets of the thought—
Still, still that law of exile lives—the ban of Heaven above—
That "they who shut out Love shall be in turn shut out from Love."

GEO. MURRAY.

* "The legend frequently assigned to the Aspen—that it was used for the Cross of Our Lord, and that its leaves have shivered ever since—is, we believe, of no great antiquity. The shivering of the leaves is said, in some parts of Germany, to have been a punishment for the great pride of the tree, which refused to bow its head when the Saviour passed through the forests of the North, and all the other trees bent lowly before him."—*London Quarterly Review*, July, 1863. Art: "Sacred Trees and Flowers." I have adopted a variation of this legend.

Ancient Brute.—Er, excuse me—but doesn't my open window trouble you?

Lady Passenger.—Oh, thank you! I was feeling it a little.

Ancient Brute.—Well, I wouldn't run any risk of catching cold. There are some empty seats forward.

Contributions.

HEINRICH HEINE'S FIRST LOVE.

BY DR. H. R.

(Translated from the German by Gowan Lea.)

In the year 1817, Samson Heine took his son, Heinrich, to Hamburg, where he was established in a business of his own by his uncle Solomon. Heinrich conducted his business so badly that in the space of two years he failed. Then his rich uncle took him into partnership.

It was at the house of his uncle that Heinrich Heine became acquainted with his charming cousin; and this lady, as talented as she was beautiful, so won the heart of the susceptible youth that she was never afterwards absent from his mind. Was his love returned? We conclude that it was: else how could he have looked forward with so much hope and assurance to his future happiness.

With unremitting industry he applied himself to the study of jurisprudence at Bonn, hoping that at the close of his curriculum he would be enabled to marry. To the ecstasy of love was added that anxiety which every lover experiences when separated from the object of his devotion—that "Hangenund Bangen in Schwebenden Pein," described by Goëthe, as a constant attribute of true love, and which, in our impulsive, poetic youth, quickly blazed up into a destroying flame.

In such hours of anxiety would Heine take refuge in his muse, and find in it comfort and refreshment, forgetfulness and joy.

From Bonn, Heine went to Göttingen, and thence in the beginning of the year 1821, in consequence of a duel, to Berlin.

At this time, the poet seems to have begun to feel misgivings for his future. If his cousin remained true to him—which we will take for granted she did—circumstances did not permit of his marrying. This "hope deferred," as far as one can judge, was the means of unlocking the delicately-strung lyre of the poet, and working from it its first tones of pain. Each plaintive song—whether it tell of the waiting for the loved one, or of disappointed hopes; whether it describe the maiden in the Land of Flowers digging the poet's grave, or the appearance of Don Ramiro at the marriage-feast—is prompted by that one deep-rooted affection:—

"Morning dawns, I rise and ask;
Comes my love to-day?
Shades of evening gather round;
She is far away.
Midnight finds me with my grief,
Wide awake I weep:
Midday comes, I listless walk
And dream as half-asleep."

That which the poet had long feared, at length came to pass. In the spring of 1821 he received the news that his beautiful cousin—the beloved of his heart, his thought by day and his dream by night, the hope of his future, the idol of his songs—had given her hand to a rich stranger.

From the time that Heine received the announcement of this marriage, he seemed to abandon every hope of happiness. In later years he describes his love-pain in a striking manner in the poem beginning:—

"Im Jahre achtzehnhündertsiebzehn."

When Gerard du Nerval—who translated Heine's poems into French—was asked, "What was it that bound you and Heine so closely together?"

Girard replied, "We both suffered from the same sickness. We both wished to bury the hopelessness of a true love in song: we are singing yet,—but it dies not!"

TWO LIVES IN EIGHT LINES.

FROM HEINE.

(Translated by Gowan Lea.)

There stands a lonely pine-tree
Upon a northern shore;
Beneath the cold ice sleeping,
Unheeding tempests' roar:

But dreaming of a palm-tree
Afair in eastern lands,
In silent sorrow mourning
Upon the burning sands.

WITHOUT A MOTHER.

BY LUDWIG SPEIDEL.

(Translated from the German by GOWAN LEA.)

To-day as I watched the first snow fall, and at the same time observed the poverty-stricken children, thinly-clad, with pale melancholy faces, go by, there came to my remembrance a touching incident that happened in my boyhood and left an impression on my mind never to be effaced. It was the history of a girl and a boy—twins, who, one cold bleak morning in the winter-time went away, as they said "to seek a mother," and who, a few days afterwards, were found in the woods frozen to death. I had known the two children well,—the dark-complexioned Mali, whose thick braids of hair fell over her shoulders, and the fair Conrad, with his honest blue eyes. Often had I gone strawberrying with them, or with them chased the butterflies; and in winter we had snow-balled each other, or had gone out with our little sleds together. As they were pretty children, and always neat in appearance, notwithstanding their poverty, everybody looked at them with admiration. Their mother had died at their birth, and the father—a day-laborer, who lived mostly by splitting wood—was a rough man, who, in despair over his unhappy circumstances, fell into intemperate habits. One morning the father was found dead in his bed. The poor twins were in a bewildered state of mind. Shivering in a room without a fire, they sat down to a table on which they had been accustomed to have set before them a thin watery soup for breakfast, and discussed in childish fashion what was next to be done. Often had they heard the passers by say: "These poor children, if only they had a mother!" And the dark-haired Mali—for girls are always more precocious than boys—had asked one of the neighbours: "What do they mean by 'a mother'?" The neighbor said, in reply to

the little girl's inquiry: "A mother is a woman who takes care of little children as the apple of her eye; one is never cold, but always warm and comfortable, when one has a mother." This answer of the neighbour the thoughtful little girl carried to her brother, and as they sat together at the bare table a bright thought seemed to fill Mali's mind, and she said: "Do you know what, Conrad? Father is dead, and there is nobody now to care anything about us, unless it be cross old Hanna. Let us go away and search for a mother. There are such lots of mothers in the world, surely there must be one for us somewhere." Conrad had nothing to say against the proposal; he was ready without much preparation; but Mali stuck a piece of bread in her pocket, and hung by a cord round her neck a woolen muff. Thus, hand in hand, they passed out at their doorway, through the streets, and followed the footpath through the meadows until they arrived at the wood. Some of the country people saw them, and one man, in a tone of surprise, asked them what they wanted going through the snow this cold weather. They replied they were "seeking for a mother." The man shook his head and watched them awhile until they disappeared among the trees. As they entered the wood and saw the pines glistening in winter apparel, they thought it must be Christmas there, for these trees were exactly like what the rich people had in their houses on Christmas Day. They could not sufficiently admire the loveliness of it all; and then they had a hearty laugh when they shook the big tree and a whole shower-bath of snow fell down upon them and filled their eyes. On they went, Mali stopping now and then to call out in an imploring voice: "Mother! mother!" Her own voice sounded in reply, and frightened a woodpecker, which flew upward, scattering the snow from the branches as it went. Continuing their way up the hill, they came to a diverging path by which they stopped, and gazed at the evening light tinging the summits of the trees. By this time they began to feel tired, so sat down under a pine-tree to rest. Mali produced the bread from her pocket, and gave it to her brother, who was very hungry. The cold made their fingers feel numb, and Mali took Conrad's hands and drew them into her muff. Then sleep overcame them, and they slumbered hand in hand and cheek to cheek. Suddenly, as if touched by a warm ray of light, Mali awoke, and, waking her brother, she said to him: "Conrad, I begin to feel warm and comfortable; can it be the mother?" "Yes," said Conrad, "it is the mother!" And in closer embrace they fell asleep, smiling, and opened their eyes no more. Our old Mother Earth, whose hard exterior permits us but to suspect her love, had opened her arms in compassion and taken the twins to herself.

(2.) If Arabella likes Claude, and Claude likes somebody else, what does Arabella think of somebody else?

Geometry: Problem—(1.) To construct a brown-stone building and establishment on the basis of a \$900 salary.

(2.) Square a milliner's bill.

McGill News.

There are nearly sixty students attending the Summer Session course in medicine. Quite a number of these are from other schools—Toronto, Kingston and London.

Could not the examination, for the appointment of the Hospital Staff, be held immediately after the medical convocation in future? Men who wish to compete, if they happen not to live in the city, find it very inconvenient to wait for the examination for nearly a month.

Cook thinks the faculty of Medicine would be studying its own interests if it would give him holidays and send him to the Old Country, that he might see how things are conducted over there. We think he could already teach them over there how a medical school is run; but he certainly deserves a holiday.

The annual meeting of the "Ladies' Lawn Tennis Club" was held in the Ladies' Reading Room of McGill College, on the 22nd of April, when officers were elected for the coming season, *i. e.*—President, Miss Reid; Secretary-Treasurer, Miss M. N. Evans; Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Murray. The meeting was then adjourned, with the intention on the part of the members of having the court ready as soon as possible.

Drs. Birkett, Kirkpatrick, and Corsan have received the appointment of Hospital Staff for '86 and '87. Dr. McClure remains as superintendent. The appointments will be very popular amongst the students, and the men are unquestionably well suited for their position; but it would have been well could the faculty of medicine have prevailed on the Governors of the Hospital to have made all the appointments from the class just graduated; these three positions they announce as being open to students annually, whereas this year only two received appointments.

LAW CONVOCATION.

An adjourned meeting of Convocation, for conferring degrees in Law, was held in the Molson Hall on Tuesday, March 30th.

The degree of B.C.L. was conferred on the following gentlemen, whose names are arranged in order of merit:

Messrs. A. J. Brown,
R. J. Elliot,
J. F. Mackie,
G. C. Wright,
J. R. Murray,
F. S. Mackay,
L. T. Polette,
Alfred Monk.

In the graduating class, Mr. Brown took first rank honours, the Elizabeth Torrance gold medal, and prize for best thesis; Mr. Elliot first rank honours and

prize for general proficiency; Mr. Mackie, first rank honours and prize for International Law; Mr. Wright, second rank honours.

In the second year, M. Beauregard took the first prize for general proficiency; Mr. Burroughs, second prize.

In the first year, Mr. Ferguson took first rank honours and first prize for general proficiency; Mr. Dunton, first rank honours and second prize for general proficiency; Mr. Fry, first rank honours.

Mr. Elliot delivered the valedictory, and Prof. Kerr, Dean of the Faculty, addressed the graduating class.

THE GRADUATING DINNER.

Friday, April 30th, an eventful day for many of our students, was fittingly terminated by a dinner to the graduates in Arts and Science, in the Windsor. A goodly number attended, and quite a merry meeting was the result. After the more substantial feast was disposed of—which occupied some time, the last gentleman to leave the table being carried round it, seated in his chair, and still contentedly peeling an orange—we entered upon the less substantial, but more amusing, “feast of reason” and “flow of soul.” “The Queen” received the customary honours, and then Mr. McDougal, in a few well-chosen remarks, proposed the toast of “Alma Mater,” to which Mr. Livingstone responded. The speech of the latter gentleman we are unable to report, for the reportorial pencil was spellbound before the torrent of eloquence that was let loose upon us. It seemed to us and to many others that Mr. Livingstone was no sooner up than down again. The Class of '86 was well represented by Messrs. Topp and Brown, the speeches of both being clever and telling. Although Mr. Topp was compelled by circumstances to look down upon us, his speech evinced nothing but a kindly and brotherly feeling for his fellow-graduates and their hosts, the undergraduates, and, although one of the longest of the evening, was eagerly listened to by all. Mr. Brown, in his own inimitable happy way thanked the undergraduates in the name of his fellow-graduates for the toast, and referred to the rivalry between Arts and Science for the good will of their respective faculties.

In replying for “The Dean and Professors,” Messrs. Pedly and Dawson made some decided hits, and came to the conclusion that now the speakers had been capped, their professors were not a bad set after all. Messrs. Fyles, Ritchie, Topp, Swabey, Kerry and Weir briefly replied to the toast to the medallists, and Kerry and Holden answered for the sports. In the course of his remarks Mr. Holden adverted to the Pavilion, and expressed his opinion that if the trouble were only taken to start a subscription it would result satisfactorily.

Mr. Weir responded for the GAZETTE, alluding to the change of name, and assuring the undergraduates of the sympathy of that paper with them in their desires. “The ladies,” proposed by Mr. N. N. Evans and replied to by Mr. Bell, brought the list of toasts to a close. During this last

toast Mr. Holden was called on to reply for the young ladies, as he was supposed to know something of the subject. It is hoped that next year, when he is in a position to respond for the married ladies, his speech will be as good as was his of Friday.

The songs were well rendered, and besides the gentlemen set down on the programme, Messrs. Holden and Kingston were persuaded to warble, and brought down the house, the latter gentleman giving us a fine rendering of “Finnagan’s Wake.”

In the course of the evening a deputation from the Graduates’ Society was sent in to us, and expressed the pride and interest which that society felt in their younger brothers. A deputation from us was then sent in to the Graduates’ Society and came back without having to be carried, but greatly pleased with their reception.

Before the dinner was adjourned, it was decided to keep track of each member of class '86, and Mr. Evans was elected permanent secretary for the purpose.

THE ARTS CONVOCATION.

The session of 1885-6 was brought to a close by the Convocation on the afternoon of Friday, April 30th. The Hon. James Ferrier, chancellor of the university, presided, and amongst those on the platform were Principal Sir William Dawson, LL.D., C.M.G., and Messrs. John H. R. Molson, John Molson, W. C. McDonald, R. A. Ramsay, M.A., B.C.L., governors of the university; Rev. J. F. Stevenson, D.D., Rev. Dr. Cornish, Rev. Principal MacVicar, Rev. J. Clark Murray, LL.D., Judge Torrance, B. J. Harrington, B.A., Ph.D., C. H. McLeod, M.A., F. W. Kelly, B.A., Ph.D., Rev. R. W. Norman, M.A., D.C.L., Alex. Johnson, B.A., LL.D., Rev. Canon Henderson, M.A., Jas. Stewart, M.D., D. P. Penhallow, B.Sc., P. J. Darey, B.C.L., LL.D., R. J. B. Howard, B.A., M.D., D. C. McCallum, M.D., George Wilkins, M.D., R. P. Howard, M.D., LL.D., Rev. Prof. Coussirat, Prof. Markgraff, Rev. W. J. Dey, M.A., Rev. W. J. Shaw, M.A., Rev. Hector A. McIntyre, B.A., J. Ralph Murray, B.A., B.C.L., Jeffrey H. Burland, B.A.Sc., J. W. Brakenridge, B.C.L., F. S. Barnjum, Rev. E. M. Taylor, M.A., Arch. McGoun, B.A., B.C.L., Rev. J. A. Newnham, M.A., Rev. A. B. Chambers, B.C.L., W. J. White, B.A., J. L. Morin, B.A., H. M. Aimé, M.A., Rev. John Scrimger, M.A., Dr. J. C. Cameron, M. W. Taylor, W. Dixon, B.A., J. S. Archibald, M.A., B.C.C., R. Shepherd, M.D., and W. C. Baynes, the secretary.

Proceedings were opened with prayer by the Rev. J. Clark Murray, after which Dr. Alex. Johnson, vice dean of the faculty of arts, read the following:—

FACULTY OF ARTS.

PASSED FOR THE DEGREE OF B.A.

In Honors—First rank: Edward E. Braithwaite, W. M. Fyles, John McDougall, William Patterson, Philip E. Ritchie, Charles Swabey, Francis Topp, Nelson Yates, F. Pedley.

Ordinary in order of merit—Class I.: Colin H. Livingstone, Ronzo H. Clerk, Frederick W. Hibbard, John W. McQuat. Class II.: Benjamin Clements, William Sparling, equal; William H. Dalpe, Andrew McWilliams, W. Herbert Evans, Class III.: R. Benjamin O’Sullivan, George A. Blair, John H. Bell, W. D. Roberts, William W. Chalmers, Duncan A. McRae, Edgar De F. Holden, William E. Wallace, Isaac L. Hargrave.

BACHELORS OF ARTS PROCEEDING TO THE DEGREE OF M. A. IN COURSE.

William White, B.A., and Joseph L. Morin, B.A.

Admitted to the degree of LL.D., "Honoris Causa."—R. P. Howard, M.D., dean of the faculty of medicine: Admiral Sir Erasmus Ommaney, C.B., F.R.S.; Professor P. J. Darey, B.C.L.

PASSED THE INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATIONS.

McGill College.—Class I.—Rosalie McD. McLea, Octavia G. Ritchie, James E. Le Rossignol, William James Giles, H. H. Curtis, John L. Day, equal; C. A. Campbell, Eliza C. Cross, equal.

Class II.—Frederick W. Macallum, Donald McFee, Andrew Bryan, Hilton Pedley, Charles J. Martin, Horace E. C. Mason, Henry Neville Goff, Norman Lindsay, John A. Morison, Mary C. Simpson, William Howitt, Blanche B. Evans.

Class III.—T. A. McPhail, Thomas Pritchard, William A. Duke, Peter L. Naismith, William T. D. Moss, Alfred P. Bryson, Alice Murray, George P. England, Martha Murphy.

Morin College.—Class II.—John Donn.

GRADUATING CLASS.

B.A. honors in mathematics and natural philosophy.—Francis Topp, first rank honors and Anne Molson gold medal.

B.A. honors in classics.—William S. Fyles, first rank honors and Chapman gold medal; William Patterson, first rank honors.

B.A. honors in natural science.—Charles Swabey, first rank honors and Logan gold medal.

B.A. honors in mental and moral philosophy.—John McDougall, first rank honors and Prince of Wales gold medal; E. C. Braithwaite, first rank honors; N. P. Yates, first rank honors; F. Pedley, first rank honors.

B. A. honors in modern languages.—Philip E. Ritchie, first rank honors and Lansdowne gold medal.

Special certificates.—Colin H. Livingstone, Hiram Mills, gold medal; Ronzo H. Clerk, Frederick W. Hibbard, John W. McQuat.

Neil Stewart prize in Hebrew—A. S. Grant, B.A.

THIRD YEAR.

Alexander R. Johnson, first rank honors and prize in mathematics and mathematical physics first rank general standing, prize in classics, James Walsh, first rank honors and prize in science, first rank general standing; Alfred P. Murray, first rank honors in natural science, first rank general standing, prize in zoology; John A. Nicholson, first rank honors in English language and literature, first rank general standing; William N. Rochester, first rank honors and prize in classics, W. Leslie Clay, first rank honors and prize in mental philosophy; Charles W. Colby, first rank honors in English language and literature and prize in rhetoric and Chaucer; Hugh M. Patton, first rank honors in modern languages; Wellington A. Cameron, first rank honors in mental and moral philosophy; William A. Nichols, second rank honors in English language and literature; J. F. Langton, second rank honors in mental philosophy; Chas. W. Whyte, second rank honors in mental philosophy; S. R. Brown, first rank general standing, prize in mental philosophy; Robert Johnstone, first rank general standing; M. McLennan, prize in Hebrew.

Passed the sessional examination in the third year—Walsh, A. R. Johnson, Murray, Brown, Nicholson, R. Johnstone; Clay and McLennan and Rochester, equal; McArthur, Colby, Kingston, Solandt; Patton and Sanders, equal; Larkin, Nichols, Cameron, Langton; Russel and Whyte, equal; Gerrie, Naismith, *æger*.

SECOND YEAR.

Henry Neville Goff (High school, Port Perry, Ont.), second rank honors and prize in mathematics; James E. Le Rossignol, first rank general standing; William James Giles, first rank general standing; H. H. Curtis (McGill Normal school), prize in French, prize in logic; Fred. K. W. Macallum (Oberlin college) prepy. department, prize in Hebrew; Charles J. Martin (High school, Montreal), first prize in English; William Howitt,

(private tuition), prize in botany; Andrew Bryan (St. Francis college, Richmond, Q.), second prize in English.

Passed the sessional examination—Le Rossignol, Giles; Curtis and Day, equal; Campbell, Macallum, Bryan, H. Pedley, Martin, Mason, Goff, Lindsay, Morison, Howitt, McPhail, Pritchard, Duke, Naismith, Moss, Bryson, England.

FIRST YEAR.

William E. Deeks (Morrisburg High school, Ont.), second rank honors and prize in mathematics, prize in Greek and Roman history, prize in Hebrew; W. D. Gibson, (Morrisburg High school, Ont.), prize in classics, prize in chemistry, prize in German; Wm. Rogers, (Huntingdon Academy, P.Q.), prize in French; F. S. Meighen, (High School, Montreal), prize in German.

Passed the sessional examination—Gibson, Deeks, Rogers, Swanson, Meighen, Robertson, Smith, Walsh, Parker, MacKenzie, Shepherd, Holden, Lucas, Moore.

At the examination in September, 1885, the following scholarships and exhibitions were awarded:—

SCHOLARSHIPS—TENABLE FOR TWO YEARS.

Third year—Mathematical scholarships, A. R. Johnson, R. Johnstone; classical and modern language scholarships, H. M. Patton, S. R. Brown; natural science scholarship, Alfred P. Murray.

EXHIBITIONS—TENABLE FOR ONE YEAR.

Second year—J. E. LeRossignol, High school, Montreal; John L. Day, High school, Montreal; A. P. Bryan, St. Francis college, Richmond.

First year—Wm. D. Gibson, Morrisburg High school, Ont., D. Grant, High school, Montreal.

ANNE MOLSON MATHEMATICAL PRIZE.

At a special examination in September, 1885, this prize was awarded to Francis Topp, student of the fourth year.

NEW SHAKESPEARE SOCIETY'S PRIZE.

At a special examination in January, 1886, this prize was awarded to Francis Topp, student of the fourth year.

MORRIN COLLEGE.

INTERMEDIATE EXAMINATIONS.

Greek—Class I., Donn. Latin—Class I., Donn. Trigonometry and Algebra—Class II., Donn. Logic—Class III, Donn. English—Class II., Donn. French—Class II., Donn.

The B.A. honors and prizes were distributed first; the cheers and applause that greeted the several names must have been flattering to the class of '86. The honor and prize lists of the third, second, and first years were then gone through. 'Ladies first' is the usual method among the students, but the faculty made it otherwise, and the fair sex received their share (a very large one) of the prizes after all the others. Their list is as

SPECIAL COURSE FOR WOMEN—(DONALDA ENDOWMENT.

PRIZE AND STANDING—SECOND YEAR.

Rosalie McD. McLea, Girls' High school, Montreal—First rank general standing, prize in botany, prize in logic. Octavia G. Ritchie, Girls' High school, Montreal—First rank general standing, prize in French (Alliance Francaise), prize in German.

Passed the sessional examinations—McLea, Ritchie, Cross, McFee, Simpson, Evans, Murray, Murphy.

Passed in certain classes as partial or occasional students—Blackader, Van Horne, Dorey, McFarlane, Ida Swabey, Lilly Swabey.

FIRST YEAR.

Mildred A. Stevenson, Oxford High school, England, first rank general standing, prize in chemistry, prize in English, prize in German, prize in French.

Passed the sessional examinations—Henderson, Stevenson.

Passed in certain classes as partial or occasional students—Bott, H. Johnson, Morgan.

THE SCIENCE CONVOCATION.

The events more especially pertaining to the Science Convocation were begun by Prof. C. H. McLeod reading out the lists of the standing and prizes in the various subjects.

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE.

GRADUATING CLASS.

J. G. G. Kerry, British Association gold medal. \$25 mathematical prize, prizes in theory of structures, steam, hydraulics, designing, drainage and materials; Arthur Weir, Lansdowne silver medal; W. M. Reid, Leslie Skelton prize for summer report, prize in mechanical work; C. P. Brown, second rank honors in natural science, Leslie Skelton prize for summer report; N. N. Evans, prize for chemistry and mineralogy.

Passed the degree examination—civil engineering (advanced course), J. G. G. Kerry; civil engineering (ordinary course), in order of merit. F. W. Cowie, G. H. Dawson, H. Trueman, B. J. Saunders; mechanical engineering, W. M. Reid; mining engineering, C. P. Brown; practical chemistry (advanced course), Arthur Weir; practical chemistry (ordinary course), N. N. Evans.

THIRD YEAR.

R. E. Palmer, \$25 mathematical prize; prizes in descriptive geology, theory of structures and drainage; W. A. Carlyle, Watson prize in chemistry; prize in mathematical physics; prize in mining; W. Ferrier, prize in geology and mineralogy; prize in experimental physics.

PASSED THE SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

Civil engineering (advanced course) R. Palmer; civil engineering (ordinary course) in order of merit—Raoul Rinfret, W. Forneret, J. P. Ball, Daniel Taylor; mining engineering, in order of merit—W. Carlyle, W. Ferrier.

SECOND YEAR.

M. W. Hopkins, prizes in French, zoology, mathematical physics, experimental physics, descriptive geometry, surveying, materials; E. S. M. Lovelace, \$25 mathematical prize, prizes in surveying and mechanism; A. L. Drummond, prizes in materials and mechanical work; R. F. Ogilvie, prize in mechanism.

Passed the sessional examination, civil engineering, in order of merit—M. W. Hopkins, E. S. M. Lovelace, A. J. Tremblay; mechanical engineering, in order of merit—A. L. Drummond, R. F. Ogilvie, A. E. Childs; mining engineering, in order of merit—J. Hislop, C. Green, C. H. Macnutt.

FIRST YEAR.

G. McFarlane, prizes in English and mathematics; G. M. Edwards, prizes in chemistry and German; M. C. McFarlane, prize in mathematics. W. D. McFarlane, prize in freehand drawing.

PASSED THE SESSIONAL EXAMINATIONS.

In order of merit—A. G. McFarlane, G. M. Edwards, M. C. McFarlane, M. L. Hersey, A. Young, W. D. McFarlane, J. S. Warren.

The giving of prizes and certificates of honor came next; then followed the bestowing of the diplomas, during which long-expected time the following gentlemen were arranged in an approximately correct semicircle in front of the platform: Messrs. Kerry, Cowie, Dawson, Trueman, Saunders, Reid, Brown, Weir and Evans.

The affirmation having been repeated after the Secretary, Mr. Baynes, the Principal spoke the usual formula and gave the necessary tap—vigorously applauded in the sacred precincts behind—admitting them to the privileges of Bachelors of Applied Science of McGill.

The Valedictory address then followed, and Mr. Weir, in delivering it, said, that as the representative

of Science he need not strive after that exalted sentiment and fervid flight of oratory so ably attained by his colleague in the Faculty of Arts. The path of Science, he regretted, lay necessarily more amidst the sterner realities of the present day. His task, however, was not less noble.

He said that, as not representing the Engineering branch of his Faculty, some of its terms seemed to him a trifle obscure, for instance, to him a "tie" was an article of apparel, a "frog" was alive, and he was as guiltless of a knowledge of "stretcher" as was Washington himself. Moreover, he was not a "designing" young man, and could therefore naturally give no points in "crib-work," and as to such definitions as "oscillatory circle" (osculatory), he would appropriately allow them to be given by the lady undergraduates.

Since his entrance into college many great changes had taken place, one, and not the least, being the admission of ladies. Evidence most satisfactory of their presence was given by a perusal of the top names in the Arts class lists, though he lamented that in one sense of the word it seemed as if on that list they never would be "missed."

Of sixteen freshmen entering with him, but three were left besides himself. Their college life had been a pleasant round of lectures, dinners, sports, slopes and examinations.

Great and practical encouragement had been given to Science by the visit of such societies as the British Association, and who would not struggle the harder after having seen, heard, and perhaps talked to, such men as Greely, Glaisher, Roscoe, Playfair, Rayleigh, Thompson, Bonney, etc.

Mr. Weir spoke next of the prominent part in the University athletics always taken by his Faculty, though numerically so small, and advised his fellow students to aid the new Association of affiliated clubs by mutual trust and self denial.

In referring to the UNIVERSITY GAZETTE, he said it was emphatically, and must of necessity be the organ of the students. At the request of the Faculty, the speaker said he would read a brief report of his special work in analyzing Montreal water, which showed that it was not so bad as it might have been. In speaking of the wide range of Science, he said every branch had its particular beauties, though the hedge concealing them might be high and thorny. In conclusion, he said if he had wearied them they must remember that the condemned criminal standing on the scaffold, whose last syllable signalled the falling of the drop and an issuing into a new and unknown state of things, was naturally in no hurry to speak the final word.

Prof. Wilkins, of the University of Toronto, then received the *ad eundem* degree of M. D. at the hands of the Principal. The degree of M. D. was then conferred upon two students in Medicine, who had graduated at the preceding session, and that of B.C.L. upon one student in Law—the students being presented by Profs. Stewart, and Archibald.

The ceremony, all important to the men of '86, was the next part of the proceedings. In 'capping,' Sir William omitted the tap on the head in the case of the

President of the year : in making up for the mistake, the Principal said that such a distinguished graduate needed no capping.

The valedictorian of Arts '86, was Mr. N. P. Yates, President of the Literary Society. In opening his speech the valedictorian pointed out the appropriateness of the term *Alma Mater*, and of the comparison between a university and a mother ; because, next to one's mother's influence, the university has most influence in moulding future life. Mr. Yates also showed a student's duties ; there is great importance in having a desire to learn on the student's part. A student must put active work in parts of college life other than the class-room, for it is truly stated that it is not merely class-room instruction that will give a man a university education. A liberal education may be defined to be a 'harmonious development of the whole man.' A good student ought to pay due attention to his studies ; but he ought to bear in mind that in college he must use the opportunities provided for coming into contact with men—different from him, and from one another. Theological students of the affiliated colleges came into contact with those of a different creed, and by the contact had their ideas widened, and their sectarianism diminished. Also theologs come into contact with other students, and so gain a knowledge of the world and of human nature very useful in their vocation. He then paid farewell to the professors. In bidding adieu to the students, he advised them to strive to be men, to cultivate the whole man, to study systematically and hard, but not too hard ; and reminded them of the sympathy of '86. He compared saying good-bye to the 'youngest faculty' to the farewell to the favourite youngest sister. Then with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow, he bid farewell to Old McGill.

Messrs. W. J. White, B.A., B.C.L., and J. L. Morin, B.A., received the degree of M.A., in course. The degree of LL.D., was then conferred, *honoris causa*, upon Dr. R. P. Howard, dean of the faculty of medicine, a well deserved tribute ; upon Prof. P. J. Darey, M.A., B.C.L., for his long continued services in the cause of education, a degree which he honors, and upon Sir Erasmus Ommaney, C.B., F.R.S., who was here with the British Association last summer.

Dr. Cornish, on behalf of the University, made some interesting statements. The graduating class numbered 26 : eight of these graduated in honours : sixteen were professional students. He said it was a very good sign that so many professionals took advantage of an Arts education. Another good sign and one that made this meeting specially interesting, was that, at this convocation, ladies for the first time had their names on the University lists. Eight ladies passed the Intermediate examination, all very creditably : two of them had the whole year. He bade good-by to '86 ; he exhorted them not to stop studying when they left college, but to continue their work. He gave them much good advice about how and what to study.

The Wicksteed medals were then presented by Sir William Dawson, in the absence of the donor. The successful ones were : F. Pedley, gold medal ; H. Pedley, silver medal ; T. Pritchard, bronze medal. Honorable mention, C. Swabey, Nelson P. Yates, Wm.

Patterson and P. E. Ritchie. The Principal, in presenting these, paid a very handsome compliment to Mr. Barnjum on his excellent system.

Prof. Cornish, in addressing the graduating classes in both Faculties, cautioned them, above all things, to beware of setting up as geniuses ; there was no royal road to learning, nor to anything durable and good. His address was listened to with the great attention it well deserved.

ADDRESS OF THE PRINCIPAL.

Principal Sir William Dawson referred to the apprehensions which had clouded the opening of the sessions, owing to the epidemic then prevalent, and this in contrast to the additions which had been made to laboratories and class rooms, and to the previous prospects of a large increase of students. The statistics of the session showed that, while the anticipated addition to the number of junior students had not been fully realized, there had been no diminution in the senior classes, and that in the aggregate the number had been greater than in former years. The total students of McGill College, reckoning only those in actual attendance on classes, but including the women in the Donalda special course, had been 564. In addition to these the students of Morrin College, St. Francis College and the McGill Normal school had been 111. The new special course for women may now be regarded as an assured success, as we have now 51 lady students, and of these eight have passed the intermediate examination, two of them standing at the head of the class. The timely liberality of the Hon. D. A. Smith has thus, by endowing our college for women, placed us in this important department of work in advance of all other universities in Canada. The number of graduates in all the Faculties at the close of this session is ninety-two, a larger number than in any previous session, and we have again to record, with gratitude to God, the fact that order, harmony and an excellent spirit have, in the last session as heretofore, characterized all our proceedings. Next session, unless we shall be visited with some other public calamity akin to that of last year, we may hope to have more than 600 students, and perhaps 100 graduates.

While thus prosperous in an educational point of view, the financial feature of the University has again been exciting some anxiety. Here the somewhat singular spectacle is presented of a large increase of our invested funds, and at the same time a threatened deficit in income. A statement has been prepared by the hon. treasurer, Mr. Ramsay, to whose careful management of its finances the university is greatly indebted, which will be circulated at the close of this meeting, and which presents these features in a very clear manner. It shows that in 1881 the invested capital of the university was \$385,000, and that since that time endowments have come in to the amount of \$336,000, thus nearly doubling our productive capital in the space of five years. Such a sum as this freely given to our university and by the citizens of our city, is unexampled in this country and shows how strong a hold the higher education has on the sympathy of those who represent the wealth and intelligence of the community ; yet this large sum does not meet all our wants. It has added to the extent of our usefulness, and has given much relief to the general funds of the university, but its benefits have been largely neutralized by the continued diminution of the rate of interest, and by the cessation in the present year of subscriptions for a limited time given five years ago to meet the deficit then threatening. It thus happens that our expenditure will still be in excess of income, not, it is true, to a large amount ; but still in a manner to render retrenchment of a very undesirable character necessary. In these circumstances we do not wish again to ask for annual subscriptions, but rather for an addition to permanent endowment. A sum of \$75,000 would enable us to carry on all our present work at the existing rates of interest, but the actual prospective wants of our educational work would require an addition of \$250,000. This we do not despair of obtaining within a few years, but as the present need is urgent it has been thought well to bring it the notice of our friends, along with a detailed statement of the modes in which aid might be best given to us to support important parts of the work, and at the same time strengthen the general fund, on which we depend for increase and for contin-

gencies. Perhaps I may say that the statement which has been prepared is not so much an appeal to generosity as a guide to certain profitable educational investments in the interest of the community, and more especially of the English and Protestant people. The experience of more than thirty years assures me that the friends of education will receive this statement in the spirit in which it is given, and that we may feel assured that our wants will be fully supplied. In prospect of my own probable absence for a time, I could only wish that the response may not be delayed and that I may be able to carry with me the assurance that no curtailment of the operations of the university will be required.

The proceedings were then closed by the Rev. Canon Norman pronouncing the benediction.

REPRESENTATIVE FELLOWS.

The following are the results of the elections for Representative Fellows:

LAW.	
Jno. S. Hall, Jr., B.A., B.C.L.	
MEDICINE.	
T. Rodger, M.D.	
ARTS.	
F. W. Kelley, B.A., Ph.D.	374
C. H. Gould	110
Majority for Dr. Kelley	264
APPLIED SCIENCE.	
Jeffrey H. Burland, B. A. Sc.	324
W. J. Sproule, B. A. Sc.	181
Majority for Mr. Burland	143

Personals.

Dr. Hayd is now practising in Buffalo.

Dr. Sutherland has returned from his trip to Bermuda.

Dr. Elder was in the parade with the Garrison Artillery on Sunday, April 25th.

Dr. McCuaig passed through the city on April 17th. He was *en route* for California, where he goes to practise.

Dr. Ruttan has returned from Toronto. He was attending the examinations in Toronto University, where he is examiner in-chemistry.

It is reported that one of our most popular professors in medicine, hearkening to the advice,—It is not good that a man should live alone,—is about to take unto himself a wife. We only hope the report may prove true.

Dr. Kinloch, Seery, Crockett, and G. H. Raymond sailed from Halifax by the *Parisian* on April 17th. They go to Edinburgh to study. From there Dr. Kinloch goes to Vienna to study a special branch of medicine.

Dr. J. Herbert Darey, the last-year resident physician of the German Hospital, Philadelphia, was recently appointed medical examiner of the Pennsylvania Railway Relief Department, with headquarters at Erie, Pa.

Mr. A. H. U. Colquhoun, B.A. '85 leaves for Ottawa on Friday, to take the editorship of the *Evening Journal* of that city. We wish him every success in his new office, and hope that he will make of his paper the success he has made of the MCGILL GAZETTE during his editorship.

A SONG OF '86.

Air: "Take Back the Heart."

Farewell, friends, tested and trusty,
Sadly we bid you adieu:
Going forth hopeful and lusty
Life's busy paths to pursue.
Yet tho' life's battle we enter,
Mem'ry shall keep us here still;
Still shall our love have for centre
Dear *Alma Mater* McGill.

Chorus:

Ere we say "Farewell for ever,"
Hark to the vow that we make,
Distance and time, they shalt never
Our chain of fellowship break.

You in the halls of your college,
We in the world's busy marts,
Seeking and thriving by knowledge,
Shall be united in hearts.
Seas may divide each from other,
We shall companions be yet—
Nursed by the same noble mother,
How could we ever forget?

Chorus.

ARTHUR WEIR.

Correspondence.

Editors McGill Gazette:—

GENTLEMEN:—Permit me, through your columns to call the Faculties' attention to a want felt by the students, and to one way of overcoming it. I need not insist on the importance, for engineering students, to do, during the summer, some kind of work relating to their studies. One on graduating, may have his head full of theories about railway work, bridge construction, etc., but he really does not know much if he has not been practising during his vacations, and he cannot be considered as an accomplished engineer.

Probably most of the students would be glad to have any kind of work having some connection with what they study, for the whole or only apart of their vacations; and not so much for the pay they may get, as for the learning they would derive from it.

But many students do not get such work, through want of influence.

Those generous persons, who are regardless of their money when the prosperity of the University is at stake, and who give large sums as annual subscriptions or endowments, would doubtless be ready to use their great influence in favor of the students, if they were asked by the proper persons, who are the professors. I admit that the professors have already the tedious duty of teaching; but they would complete their work by enabling the students to put into practise what they teach them.

Hoping you will find the space for this, I remain,

Yours,

A STUDENT.

Editors McGill Gazette:

DEAR SIR:—In the "College Bulletin" for the month of March, may be seen an account of the opening of the Hall recently built by the Toronto University Y.M.C.A. When one sees this, the question may be asked, "have we such an Association?" Shame be it to McGill that such a question need be asked:

there is no such question required in Toronto, where the fine new hall stares every student in the face. An occasional notice on the 'board' is all that most of our students see of the McGill University Christian Association. Such should not be the case, especially among the young men who are to form the Canadian nation in the next decade: and the Association has resolved that such *shall* not be the case. Next month the governors are to be requested for ground whereon to erect a hall: and with the opening of next session canvassing for funds will be commenced. The Association has set the ball rolling, and may well expect every wellwisher of McGill to keep it in motion.

Now, sirs, as the GAZETTE is the best means for reaching the mass of the students, let me beg of you to insert this notice of the intention of the Association.

Yours,

KELPIE.

Between the Lectures.

A young wife who lost her husband by death, telegraphed the sad tidings to her father in these succinct words: "Dear John died this morning at ten. Loss fully covered by insurance."

A facetious mob out West, who pulled a horse-stealing Indian to the top of a telegraph pole by a rope around his neck and left him there, hung a card on his hat bearing these words: "High the poor Indian."

"Are your domestic relations agreeable?" was the question put to an unhappy looking specimen of humanity. "Oh, my domestic relations are all right," was the reply; "it is my wife's relations that are causing the trouble."

In Massachusetts, under a new law, a man who gives a minor a pinch of snuff is liable to a fine of \$50. The law is not likely to be violated, however. A Massachusetts man was never known to give a boy anything but moral lectures.

Natural History: What bird is most appropriate for a walking hat?

Astronomy: State the reason for the son's declination to take the hint concerning a moonlight drive.

Latin: Translate *Femina mutabile semper*.—*Exc.*

"My friend," said a clerical-looking gentleman on the front platform to the driver, "if you must use the word, why not say sheol?"

"I tried that word on the down trip," replied the driver, "and I was ten minutes late at City Hall."

"Bobby," said the minister at the dinner-table, "what do you expect to do when you grow up?"

"I'll be a minister, I think."

"That's a laudable ambition, indeed, Bobby. Do you think you will like to be a minister?"

"O, yes," Bobby replied, "Pa says you've got the softest job in town."

Old man (to daughter): "Young Mr. S. paid you a fine compliment last evening, my dear."

Daughter (delighted): "What was it, papa?"

Old Man: "He said you were a very intelligent young lady."

Daughter (disappointed): "O, pshaw! I told mamma I would look like a fright in the brown dress, but she insisted on my wearing it."

Musical Amateur (to Irish fiddler): "My good friend, do you play by note?"

Irish Fiddler: "Divil a note, sor."

M. A.: "Do you play by ear, then?"

I. F.: "Divil an ear, your honor."

M. A.: "How do you play, then?"

I. F.: "By main stringth, be jabbers! and it's moighty dry wor-r-k!"

"Can February March? asked the punster, with a sickly smile. "Perhaps not," replied the quiet man; "but April May." The punster had not another word to offer.—*Boston Transcript*. June know this ought to be stopped?—*Pittsburg Chronicle*. July awake nights, August chronicle, to arrive at this conclusion? Of course, none of the months really march, but it cannot be denied that April and May are moving months.

Girl: "I will look at your hammocks, please."

Dealer: "Yes, Miss. Now, there is something nice. Not expensive, but at the same time pretty and strong."

Girl: "It doesn't look very strong."

Dealer: "I will guarantee it to sustain a weight of 300 pounds, Miss."

Girl: Let me see; 120 and 175 would be just 285—very well. I will take that one."

Miss Clara (to young Mr. Stammer, who has just finished a song at the piano)—"The impediment in your speech, Mr. Stammer, doesn't seem to affect your singing."

Mr. Stammer—"N-n-ot at a-all, Miss Clara; it is only w-w-when I a-a-attempt to t-t-talk that I am b-b-bothered." (Suddenly changing the subject.) "But, M-m-miss Clara, I w-w-wish to s-s-speak to you re-regarding a certain m-m-matter th-that is of v-vital im-p-p-portance to my f-f-future h-h-happiness. I have l-loved you l-long and d-d-devotedly, and I want to a-a-ask you t-to be m-m-my wi-wi-wi-er—ah—t-to be m-m-my wi-wi-wi-wi—"

Miss Clara (blushing shyly)—"Why not sing it, Mr. Stammer?"

OUR OWN JOKER.

The play is done, the curtain drops,
Slow falling to the prompter's bell;
A moment yet the actor stops
And looks around to say farewell.

It is, indeed, "An irksome word and task," dear reader, for it means forsaking halls where we spent many pleasant hours with you; it means exile from the sacred pale of Molson Hall and the silencing of the ravishing music of scratching pens and long-drawn sighs, of gliding professors and rustling papers.

No more bouncing, no more rushes, no more slopes; the conscript is drawn, and, with a parting word to *Alma Mater*, as she buckles his armour, his face is turned resolutely to the battle of life. "With your shield or on it," said the stern Spartan mother, and so says our mother also. For four years she has trained us for the battle, and may now exclaim, if we may alter the metaphor, "In the sweat of our brow we have often reached the height where our work lay, but you have been steadfast and industrious throughout, using in all possible cases your own muscles, instead of relying upon mine. Here and there I have stretched an arm and helped you to a ledge, but the work of climbing has been almost exclusively your own. It is thus that I should like to teach you all things; showing you the way to profitable exertion, but leaving the exertion to you—more anxious to bring out your manliness in the presence of difficulty

than to make your way smooth by toning difficulties down." *Alma Mater*, adieu.

My readers are of two classes chiefly—those who have crossed the Rubicon of "finals," and those who are still

Standing with reluctant feet
Where the brook and river meet,

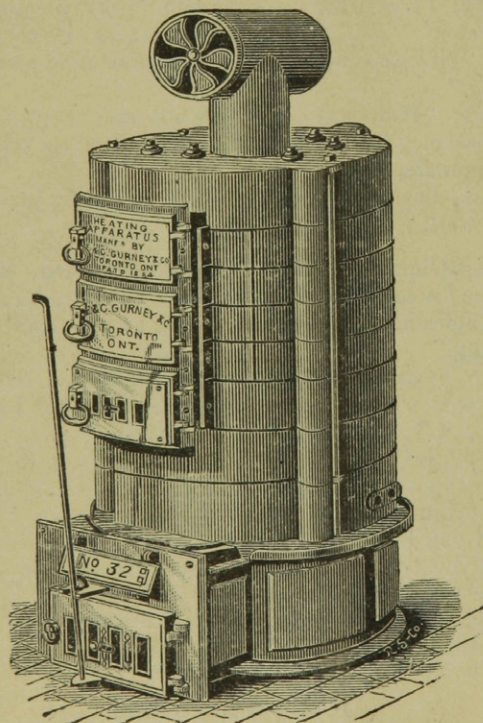
so that all can appreciate the question, when I turn to the undergraduate and ask, "Is it well with thee?" I hope so, most sincerely, for of all things most dampening to the enjoyment of a vacation, a "sup" in prospect is the worst. Of course I do not speak from experience, a contributor to the MCGILL GAZETTE never can (There, Messrs. Editors of 1886-87, surely that will fill Box 1290 for you), but I am gifted with a vivid imagination, and can well conceive the feelings of a "ploughed."

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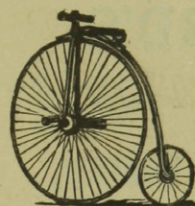
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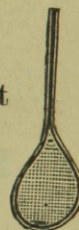
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